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HRMSmartTrip.ca connects commuters with similar routes

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

Wannabe car-poolers have a new tool at their disposal: a website that allows them to match up with new travel companions.

In an effort to cut down on the number of people who commute by themselves each day, HRM has launched *HRMSmartTrip.ca*. The website allows you to plug in where you come from and need to get to, and find others who take the same route. People can then e-mail and arrange car pools.

The site could be useful for people like Halifax nurse Lewina Gilbert. Gilbert has been using sites like Kijiji to try to find someone to ride along with her on her daily commute from Timberlea.

She's found one commuter so far and says it's been a great experience.

"Everybody wants to save money and help the environment, so why not? Put your money where your mouth is," said Gilbert. "Certainly I'm going to start using (the site). I didn't know about it."

Gilbert likely didn't know about HRMSmartTrip because the municipality hasn't started promoting it yet. The site was launched internally a couple months ago to



Commuters head for home along the Bedford Highway yesterday. HRM has launched an online ride-finding service in a bid to promote carpooling and reduce the number of vehicles on metro thoroughfares.

test it, but is open to everyone. HRM plans to start advertising in the coming weeks with the lofty goal of having 20 per cent of the commuter force signed up.

"Now's a good time. With gas prices going up, now's the time to

start heavily promoting it," said HRM spokeswoman Roxane MacInnis.

The website can also set up public transit, cycling and walking buddies.

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Strait board dismantled

School board members canned for bickering, 'appalling' behaviour

By LINDSAY JONES
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Education Minister Karen Casey fired the Strait regional school board yesterday on the advice of the board chair after months of constant bickering and recent "appalling" behaviour.

"I believe it's in the best interests of students and that's why I made the decision," Casey told reporters.

Full responsibility for the board is now in the hands of one man — John Sears, a former professor and vice-president academic at St. Francis Xavier University.

The minister appointed Sears in February to manage the school board's \$80-million budget and human resources after stripping the elected members of some of their powers.

Now, the members won't be permitted to sit around the board table at all.

Former board chair Henry Van Berkel said that when the minister asked for his opinion about what

should be done, he felt compelled to recommend the dismissal.

"I felt like that board was not going to be able to move forward comfortably to create the best kind of decision-making on behalf of our students," Van Berkel said yesterday.

Recent difficulties stemmed from a May 7 public board meeting where members debated a motion to prevent programs created

previous penalty

» The Strait regional school board was also stripped of its powers in 2002 after major spending irregularities were uncovered.

by a local women's centre from being delivered in schools.

Van Berkel said people attending the meeting later told him the behaviour they witnessed was appalling.

"I had seen it before. I certainly didn't like it.

"I think I exercised considerable patience, but eventually had to put my foot down and exercise the authority of the chair," Van Berkel said.

He said he removed board vice-chair Mike Brown from the meeting for breaching the board's code of ethics. However, Brown walked out on his own first.

Last week, members voted 6-5 against a motion to discipline Brown for his behaviour.

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Nova Scotians on their way home?

New report says ex-pats may return looking for work

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

For years Nova Scotia has been steadily losing its population to Western Canada. But a new report by the Atlantic Provinces Economic

Council shows that trend may reverse as more former Nova Scotians look to come back home.

"What we observed in the latter part of 2007 is those trends (of people leaving) were softening. It's not enough yet to say this is a shift in terms of coming back into the region. But we think there's enough evidence there to suggest we need to



returning to Atlantic Canada

» Jean Nadeau, General Manager of CareerBeacon.com, said their surveys show over half of the people who want to move to Atlantic Canada are ready to return now if they find an adequate job.

be asking whether this might start happening," said APEC President Elizabeth Beale, who wrote the report on employment

Beale thinks new Nova

Scotian jobs, a struggling Ontario economy and the desires of ex-pat Nova Scotians to return home are all factors.

Jean Nadeau, General

Manager of CareerBeacon.com, agrees.

The job site lists positions in Atlantic Canada and routinely polls its users for career data.

Nadeau says they've seen more people from outside Atlantic Canada coming to their site, and many of them cite a desire to return home on their profiles

"The number one driver

for people wanting to come back to Atlantic Canada is for lifestyle reasons," said Nadeau. "Our users tell us they want to raise their kids here, they want to be closer to home and they want the lifestyle."

Nadeau said the site has seen a recent increase in particular from people in Ontario looking to move east.

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Child educators protest low wages

CUPE says workers make less than low income cutoff

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

Susan Odell is pretty much at the top of her game when it comes to the field of early childhood education.

She's been working at the North End Community Daycare Centre for 35 years and now makes a salary of about \$30,000 which includes additional work she does in the centre's office.

"I make the most in my centre," she said.

Odell was one of about a dozen early childhood education professionals who gathered at the legislature yesterday evening to protest their low wages.

"The government demands that we be educated and then they don't want to pay us," Odell said.

Lynn Howes, president of



Susan Odell (far right) and her colleagues from the North End Community Daycare Centre protested about low wages for childcare workers yesterday at Province House.

CUPE Local 4745 which represents childcare workers, said the average pay for those in the profession is about \$9 an hour, which works out to be less than the low income cut off in Canada which hovers around \$22,000 a year.

"We would like to see more money coming into the childcare field," Howes said.

Community Services Minister Judy Streach said the government is doing a number of things to support the field of childcare.

She said the government has put \$200 million into a childcare plan which takes into account recruitment and retention, expansion of spaces, increasing eligibility

for subsidies, decreasing parent fees and operational grants.

"And a requirement of those dollars is that 75 per cent go directly to salaries and benefits for our very valuable childcare workers in the province," Streach said.

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40 keen on early retirement plan

18 of 75 CUPE members asked for package

With deadline dates for early retirement incentive plan applications at Cape Breton University passed, more than 40 individuals have indicated an interest in the voluntary program presented to them.

Eighteen of 75 CUPE members have applied for

the package offered to them and will know within the week if they have been approved. Eleven faculty from the Cape Breton University Faculty Association (CBUFA) have received confirmation of their retirement as requested.

There have been six indications of interest from NSGEU members and another eight from non-union staff.

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» **WEAPONS** The 21-year-old man who was caught with several assault weapons and machine guns in his home was released on bail with conditions yesterday. Alex Stuart Lindsay must stay at his father's house and is not allowed to access the internet. Lindsay faces 10 weapons-related charges including weapons trafficking.

» **CONSTRUCTION** The province is spending \$4.6 million to repave two sections of highway. It will repave an 8.4-kilometre stretch of Highway 107 from west of the Exit 19 overpass at Porters Lake to the Exit 21 overpass. Less than half a kilometre of Conrads Road at Queensland Beach will also be repaved.

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Police and firefighters in the Annapolis Valley are seeking the public's assistance solving a string of fires believed to be arson. There were 25 deliberately set fires in the region last year, and 10 more so far this year.

SOURCE: CBC.CA

Funding **Salvation Army gets a boost**



Community Services Minister Judy Streach and Premier Rodney MacDonald yesterday announced \$825,000 in funding for the Salvation Army's infrastructure program: Building Hope. Diane VanDerHorden with the Salvation Army said the funds will be used at the Göttingen Street Booth Centre to replace the heating system, windows and upgrade the electrical system.

ROBIN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

Brawl at school dance prompts 10 suspensions

No charges yet, RCMP investigating

Ten students have been suspended from Cole Harbour District High in relation to a brawl that broke out at a school dance last Thursday night.

RCMP arrested two students at about 9:30 p.m. May 22 and later released them.

While no charges have yet been laid, RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said yesterday that there is still a "possibility for charges" and the fight is still under investigation.

According to Halifax regional school board policy, the students can be suspended for up to five days and a recommendation for longer suspensions has to be made to the school's discipline committee.

Board spokeswoman Shaune MacKinlay said no dances have been cancelled as a result of the incident because it was the last dance of the school year. **METRO HALIFAX**

Members to face discipline

Minister plans legislation aimed at school boards

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

The education minister promised to introduce legislation this fall that will allow her to discipline elected members on dysfunctional school boards.

"I have begun a period of consultation on how to address transgressions by individual board members," Karen Casey said in a press release.

The intent is to give boards and education ministers more flexibility when elected members breach their code of ethics or bylaws.

Right now, the minister can only discipline the entire board, not individuals.

The Nova Scotia School Boards Association says that legislation should be a top priority in the fall.

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« Given that the Halifax board was removed in 2006, it's unfortunate that the government did not amend the Education Act sooner. »

Elliott Payzant, association president

it's unfortunate that the government did not amend the Education Act sooner," association president Elliott Payzant said in a press release.

Casey fired the Halifax regional school board in December 2006 due to elected members' constant bickering. She appointed then-retired bureaucrat Howard Windsor to run the board.

New elected school boards are expected to resume when province-wide elections take place in October.

Casey said her department is drafting a job description to inform potential candidates what's required so they are clear about their roles and responsibilities.

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Queensland Beach could get smaller

Road repairs might shrink popular spot

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

One of metro's beaches could be getting smaller as the province moves to repair road damages from last fall's post-tropical storm Noel.

Community members are concerned that large boulders being used to reinforce Conrads Road running alongside Queensland Beach will shrink the popular summer-time spot.

The province yesterday awarded Dexter Construction

Co. Ltd. with a \$310,000 contract to repair about half a kilometre stretch of road beginning at Highway 3.

Community Services Minister Judy Streach, who lives in the area, said yesterday she's working on making sure the beach isn't ruined by the reconstruction of the road.

"I'll follow up with the minister to ensure that the concerns of the public are taken into account. Because the road hasn't been paved yet, it shouldn't be an issue," she said.

Murray Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, said the province's goal is to make sure the road is adequately

« There will be future storms and we have to be sure that we protect our investment. »

Murray Scott

Minister of transportation

restored.

"For us it's a project to replace the road, not the beach," Scott said.

He said after Noel, residents in the area wanted assurance the road would be replaced with a barrier in place to protect it from future storms.

"There will be future storms and we have to be sure that we protect our investment," he said.

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Dal researchers part of Mars mission

Helped design a laser on Phoenix Mars Lander

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

One of the Dalhousie University researchers who helped design a laser to measure weather patterns on Mars says the landing of NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander means "the real excitement" can begin.

"An important goal of the

mission is to try to understand the water cycle, and so we will be very interested to see if there are clouds and fogs amongst the dust," Tom Duck wrote in an e-mail.

Duck and Cameron Dickinson helped design the LIDAR, which uses laser beams to analyze the atmosphere, for the mission. It's the first time LIDAR technology — which stands for light detection and ranging — has been used on another planet.

Details about the weather on Mars will be gathered by

the LIDAR and transferred to the two researchers, who are based at the University of Arizona.

"We will also be keenly watching what is happening with other instruments on the lander, and in particular whether or not Phoenix 'tastes the water' in ice thought to exist not far below the surface."

The spacecraft blasted off from the Kennedy Space Centre on Aug. 4, 2007, and landed safely on Mars on Sunday night.

Navy **St. John's sets sail**



The Navy Frigate HMCS St. John's leaves Halifax yesterday. The ship will join HMCS Preserver and HMCS Summerside in Quebec City on Thursday to June 3 to take part in the provincial capital's 400th anniversary celebrations.

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

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» **TAXES** The Town of New Glasgow is proposing a quarterly water rate increase of \$15.57 over a three-year period for residents of New Glasgow and Westville with metered service. That's a price hike of 18.7 per cent in 2008-09, with additional increases of 1.6 and 1.9 per cent in the following two years.

» **ARRESTS** Charges are pending against two Amherst males after they were arrested for possession of contraband tobacco products. Police involved in the operation seized approximately 80,000 cigarettes with an estimated street value of \$34,000.

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Foreign minister resigns from post

Bernier steps down over gaffe

Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier has resigned his high-profile post after he left secret cabinet documents at the home of his girlfriend, a woman with past links to organized crime.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who for weeks denied that Bernier's love life was a security risk, last night announced that he had accepted Bernier's resignation.

Still, Harper told a Parliament Hill news conference that Bernier's relationship with Julie Couillard — and her ties to biker gangs — were not a factor in his exit

Couillard tells her story

» During an interview aired last night on TVA, Bernier's ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard spoke of being invited to 24 Sussex Dr., attending functions at the Canadian embassy in Paris, and meeting U.S. President George W. Bush at a United Nations function in New York City. During the TV interview, Couillard held up an autographed photo and recalled that upon shaking her hand, Bush turned to Bernier and said, "Well, well, well, haven't you been keeping good com-

pany." Among the other key points of her interview: » She and Bernier met at a Montreal dinner party in the summer of 2007 through mutual friends, and that their relationship quickly became intimate after he returned to see her later that same week » She also attacked Bernier's "lack of judgment" and respect, and that "he should have foreseen everything that would happen. He's the politician, it was his game, not mine."

from cabinet.

"This is not to do with the minister's private life or the life of a private citizen."

But Bernier's departure came just a few hours before

Couillard was about to go to air on the French-language television station TVA to say that her former lover was careless with classified documents. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Ukraine says thanks to Canada

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko thanked Canada for its help and hospitality over the past century and urged closer ties between the two countries as the former Soviet republic struggles to assert its sovereignty.

In an address to Parliament that kicked off his three-day state visit, the leader of the 2004 Orange Revolution said he was "filled with tender feelings" when he touched down in Canada, home to 1.2 million Ukrainian-Canadians, many of whom fled their country to escape tyranny.

"For me, as for millions of Ukrainians, this country and this land is sacred," he told



Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko, left, and wife Kateryna arrive with RCMP escort in Ottawa yesterday.

MPs, Senators and diplomats gathered in the House of Commons for the address.

The reverence was reciprocated for the democracy

fighter, with several standing ovations, during his appearance and politicians clamouring to make his acquaintance.

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» **BAY OF FUNDY** Irving Oil Ltd will study the potential for a tidal power development in the Bay of Fundy, site of the world's highest tides, the company said yesterday. Irving has teamed up with the nonprofit Huntsman Marine Science Centre to conduct two years of research on 11 prospective sites near the north shore of the bay.

» **RESOURCES** Officials from five Arctic coastal countries will

meet in Greenland this week to discuss how to carve up the Arctic Ocean, which could hold up to one-quarter of the world's undiscovered oil and gas reserves. Canada, Denmark, Norway, Russia and the United States will attend.

» **SAFETY** A new review by Safe Kids Canada finds collisions are killing 30 Canadian children each year, seriously injuring 2,412 more, and that for kids, chances for survival if hit by a

car would drastically improve if drivers would limit themselves to 30 km/h on city streets.

» **SENTENCE** A construction worker who verbally menaced Premier Ed Stelmach, along with threatening to head to his farm to kill his cattle, apologized in a long statement posted on Facebook after being sentenced to a four-month jail term, to be served on weekends.

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Virginia Memorial Day



Amanda Doster, whose husband U.S. Army Sergeant First Class James Doster was killed in combat in Iraq in September 2007, holds their daughter Grace during Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., yesterday.

JONATHAN ERNST/REUTERS

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Sydney Pollack dies of cancer

PEOPLE Hollywood filmmaker Sydney Pollack, who won Academy Awards for directing and producing the epic romance *Out of Africa*, died yesterday after a battle with cancer, his spokeswoman said. He was 73.



Middle East

Israel has nuclear weapons: Carter

NUCLEAR Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter has said Israel holds at least 150 nuclear weapons, the first time a U.S. president has publicly acknowledged the Jewish state's atomic arsenal.

While the existence of Israeli nuclear weapons is widely assumed, Israeli officials have never admitted their existence and U.S. officials have stuck to that line in public for years. **REUTERS**

China praises efforts

Rapid response shows commitment to people: Party



» Chinese soldiers were working around the clock late yesterday to dig a giant sluice to ease pressure on a swelling "quake lake," with plans to evacuate 100,000 people to avert a new disaster, state media said.

China's ruling Communist Party said yesterday its rapid response to the Sichuan earthquake demonstrated its commitment to the people, but acknowledged that voluntary groups might have a role to play in reconstruction.

Individual citizens raced to help party members, government officials and troops after the 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck Sichuan on May 12, killing up to 80,000 people and leaving 5 million homeless.

From taxi drivers ferrying

the injured to hospitals to car clubs delivering supplies, the quake volunteers have such cachet that party members dispatched to the disaster zone also call themselves "volunteers."

Premier Wen Jiabao also won respect among the 1.3 billion Chinese watching the tragedy unfold on TV by rushing to the scene within hours to encourage rescue workers and give hope to those trapped in the rubble.

The Communist Party's deployment of 17,500 offi-

cials and 2.2 million members who "faced danger and difficulty without retreating" to help survivors who "shed blood and tears without bowing their heads" showed the value of its "people first" philosophy, said Ouyang Song, vice minister of the party's organization department.

Ouyang said non-governmental organizations could contribute to the reconstruction work as long as they did it legally and contributed to a stable society. **REUTERS**

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» **ABUSE** Sexual abuse of children by aid workers and peacekeepers is rife and efforts to protect young people are

inadequate, said a report published on Tuesday.

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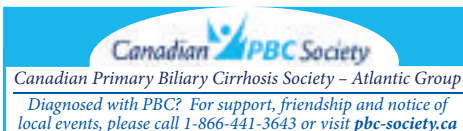
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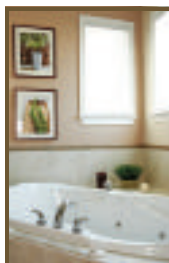
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Tip of the Day: Nothing is ever accomplished by a reasonable man. - James K. Cook

Canada now a cashier nation

Country has more workers in stores than factories

Canada's red-hot retail industry employed more people than the beleaguered manufacturing sector for the first time last year, according to Statistics Canada.

Canada's retailers employed nearly 1.79 million people last year to become the country's largest employer, knocking manufacturing out of first place by a slim 5,000-job margin.

Canadian retailers are enjoying strong profit margins due to a stronger dollar, cheap Asian imports and an

lower payroll

» The average retail job paid \$14.87 per hour last year, roughly a third less than the average \$21.66 an hour manufacturing job, according to Statistics Canada's latest monthly payroll data.

"effervescent job market," analysts at National Bank Financial noted.

Retail sales grew fastest in home furnishing stores, gas stations and appliance and electronics shops. The three largest groups, new car dealers, supermarkets and general merchandise stores, all recorded below average growth rates.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FDA foot-dragging hurts biotech firms

Canadian products being held up for months in backlog

Biotechnology companies from Canada have joined a chorus of their global counterparts to rail against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's tardiness in approving new drugs.

Products by companies such as Que-based

Labopharm Inc. and B.C.-based Cardiome Pharma Corp. have been delayed in the key U.S. market for months, chipping into their revenue and waylaying their plans.

The FDA has blamed a severely depleted staff and dwindling funds for the holdups in approving treatments, while it also deals with an overly cautious U.S. Congress that is keen to turn over every stone.

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Western wealth buying reality:

Alberta's red-hot economy is fuelling demand for residential real estate in the Atlantic Provinces this year, according to a report by RE/MAX Ontario-Atlantic Canada. The RE/MAX Atlantic Canada Market Trends Report found that in-migration from Western Canada has played a major role in stimulating home-buying activity in key regional centres. While most purchases were made with retirement in mind, investment in residential real estate was also a factor driving sales. The wealth effect has also contributed to a bounce back in sales after one of the worst winters on record.

Section of Annapolis Basin reopens for shellfish harvest:

After being closed due to bacteria contamination, about 20 per cent of the Annapolis Basin has been reopened for shellfish harvesting. A spokesman for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans said recent tests showed bacteria had returned to safe levels in the area known as Thornes Cove, near Port Wade, N.S. The spokesman said

the accidental release of untreated sewage at a Digby treatment facility caused the original contamination, closing the basin to harvesters since May 18. The DFO will continue testing this week, and expects bacteria levels to drop as the sewage dilutes.

Arrest made in bank robberies:

A man arrested at a Brule Street (Dartmouth) residence will face charges in two bank robberies. At 11:30 Friday morning, a man entered the Scotiabank at 6169 Quin-pool Road and gave a teller a threatening note, demanding cash. He was given money and fled. No weapon was observed during the incident and nobody was injured. A similar robbery occurred last Friday, just after noon, at the Royal Bank on 5855 Spring Garden Road. Acting on information, detectives went to a Brule Street address and arrested a 39-year-old resident of the building without incident. The man remains in custody as the Integrated General Investigative Section investigates, however it has been determined he will be charged with both robberies.

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BCE may get early appeal

Supreme Court sets June 17 for possible hearing

bondholders' complaint

» The bondholders are upset because they say the leveraged buyout would saddle BCE's Bell Canada unit, the country's largest phone company, with acquisition debt, devaluing the value of existing Bell Canada bonds.
» The dispute between BCE and its bondholders involves \$5.17 billion of Bell Canada debt.

In a victory for BCE Inc., the Supreme Court of Canada suggested yesterday it may hear an appeal in three weeks of a lower court decision that threatens the \$34.8 billion buyout of the telecommunications giant.

In agreeing to BCE's request to expedite the process of deciding on whether to hear the appeal, the high court

ruled against debtholders who had said there was no rush.

The bondholders won an unexpected decision by the

Quebec Court of Appeal last week that held the buyout was unfair to them. They dismissed BCE's subsequent application for the Supreme Court to hold a speedy hearing by the June 30 deadline for the deal as "entirely artificial."

The Supreme Court said that if it does decide to hear the appeal, it could be heard on the morning of June 17.

REUTERS

Talisman shares up on report

Talisman Energy Inc. shares jumped 6 per cent yesterday after a Hong Kong newspaper reported CNOOC Ltd., China's No. 3 oil company, was in talks to buy the Calgary-based firm or some of its assets.

It comes a week after Talisman laid out details of an

overhaul aimed at concentrating money and efforts on its highest-return assets around the world, a program that could mean up to \$2 billion in asset sales.

A Talisman spokeswoman declined to comment on the CNOOC report.

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American Ashley Harkleroad, left, currently ranked 61st in the world, has revealed she will appear nude in the August issue of Playboy. Harkleroad is the first pro tennis player to do a pictorial in the magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

NBA

Pistons even up Eastern finals

PLAYOFF Antonio McDyess scored 21 points and added 16 rebounds as part of a balanced Pistons attack last night as Detroit defeated the Boston Celtics 94-75 to even the Eastern Conference finals at two games apiece.

Richard Hamilton added 20 points for the Pistons, while Kevin Garnett had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics.

golf

Furyk looking for Canadian 3-peat

ENTRIES Two-time defending champion Jim Furyk tops an early list of PGA Tour notables that confirmed their intention yesterday to compete for the 2008 RBC Canadian Open in July at Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ont.

Furyk will be joined by Sean O'Hair, Retief Goosen, Fred Couples, Mark Calcavecchia, Chris DiMarco and Canadians Mike Weir and Stephen Ames.

MLB

Blue Jays complete sweep of Royals

MILESTONE Gregg Zaun and Marco Scutaro both homered as the Toronto Blue Jays downed Kansas City 7-2 to complete its first four-game sweep of the Royals in franchise history.

Zaun hit a two-run shot while Scutaro added a solo blast for the Blue Jays, who have won five straight overall.

MLB

Ex-pitcher killed by lightning strike

ACCIDENTS Former major league pitcher Geremi Gonzalez was struck by lightning and killed in his native Venezuela yesterday, according to an official.

The 33-year-old right-hander, who pitched for five MLB teams from 1997-2006, was hit by lightning at a beach. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Red Wings forward Valtteri Filppula scores a diving third-period goal on Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury last night during Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final in Detroit. The Red Wings beat the Penguins 3-0 to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Penguins can't solve Osgood, Red Wings

Detroit posts 2nd straight shutout in Stanley Cup final

WINGS 3 PENGUINS 0

Chris Osgood made 22 saves for his second consecutive shutout as the Red Wings defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0 last night in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final in Detroit.

Osgood has been solid thus far in the final, stopping all 41 shots he has faced through the first two games to give Detroit a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Valtteri Filppula and Brad Stuart each had a goal and an

assist while Tomas Holmstrom also lit the lamp for the Red Wings, who are looking for their fourth Stanley Cup in the past 11 years.

Marc-Andre Fleury was charged with all three goals on 34 shots for the Pens, who are in the final for the first time since winning the Cup in 1992.

The series moves back to Pittsburgh, where the Pens are 8-0 this playoff season, for Games 3 and 4 with Game 3 set for tomorrow at Mellon Arena.

The Red Wings grabbed a 1-0 lead just 6:55 into the game. Filppula rushed the puck into the Pittsburgh end and dished it over to the right side for Stuart.

Filppula then charged the net and Stuart's blast from the top of the right circle got through Filppula's screen and past Fleury.

Detroit took a 2-0 advantage at the 11:18 mark when Henrik Zetterberg got a backhand on net that Fleury slowed down, but Holmstrom knocked the puck in just as it was about to cross the goal line.

The Wings grabbed a three-goal lead at the 8:48 mark of the third on a beautiful goal from Filppula, who skated down the wing, cut past Sergei Gonchar and as he was falling to the ice slid the puck past Fleury. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Big guns overcome French hiccups

Venus, Federer move on in Paris

Roger Federer, Venus Williams and Jelena Jankovic all ran into a spot of bother yesterday before emerging unscathed to kick-start their French Open campaigns.

Williams suffered the biggest scare of the trio when she looked flat-footed for much of the second set before

rescuing her title aspirations with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 first-round victory over Israel's Tzipora Obziler.

"I think she really played some good tennis," Williams said of Obziler. "She made some good shots and fought really hard for that second set. It was just important to close it out in the third."



Williams

Men's world No. 1 Federer has had little to shout about this season, winning only one minor title in 2008, and overcame a slight early wobble to ease to a 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 win over lofty American Sam Querrey.

Last year's semifinalist Jankovic threw away a 3-0 lead in the opening set and almost allowed 86th-ranked Monica Niculescu of Romania to get the better of her before sealing a 7-6, 6-2 win. REUTERS

Leafs' GM hunt getting serious

And so it is coming down to a pair of ex-NHL general managers, Doug Armstrong or Neil Smith, for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

After receiving formal rejections to their requests for permission to speak to a bevy of active front-office types about their GM position, the Leafs will launch their interview process within the next week with Armstrong and Smith. In fact, they may be the only two who get interviewed.

And sources who irrefutably are in position to know have told Metro that one of the two very likely will be hired before the end of June.

The sources also said Armstrong is the top candidate at this point because the Dallas Stars — whom he essentially built — were impressive in advancing to the recent Western final against the Detroit Red Wings.

Armstrong, son of former NHL linesman and scout Neil Armstrong, was the Stars' GM from 2002 until November 2007. A native of Sarnia, Ont., Armstrong served in different roles with Dallas over 17 years.

Smith, a Toronto native, was the New York Rangers' GM from 1989 to 2000.

» Dave Nonis, fired as the Vancouver Canucks' GM after the regular season and interviewed by the Leafs recently for a front-office job in which he would have been obligated to report to the new Toronto GM, will be hired this week as the new GM of either the St. Louis Blues or the Atlanta Thrashers ... Among the candidates whom the Leafs were forbidden by other organizations from pursuing were Detroit GM



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Ken Holland, Detroit assistant GM Jim Nill, Detroit vice-president Steve Yzerman, San Jose Sharks GM Doug Wilson and Anaheim Ducks GM Brian Burke. The Leafs are determined to play by the rules and therefore have given up efforts to pry any of the aforementioned five ... Also, two previous top candidates — executives Glen Sather and Bob Clarke of the New York Rangers and Philadelphia Flyers, respectively — have been deemed too old by the Leafs and are no longer being considered by the Leafs' braintrust.

» In baseball, the Blue Jays' John Gibbons is no longer the best bet to become the first MLB manager fired this season.

The Seattle Mariners' John McLaren and the New York Mets' Willie Randolph are neck-and-neck these days for that dubious distinction.

» And a former major-league journeyman, pitcher John Parrish, is raising scouts' eyebrows with the Jays' Triple A affiliate in Syracuse.

The 30-year-old left-hander has gone 6-0 and has been dominating batters after being transformed from a reliever to a starter.

In three-plus decades as a columnist and broadcaster, Marty York has built a network of solid contacts and a renowned reputation for his hard-hitting, groundbreaking style. The tradition continues in Metro Sports.

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» **CFL** The Toronto Argonauts signed two-time Super Bowl winning receiver Bethel Johnson yesterday. Johnson won the NFL championship with the New England Patriots in 2004 and 2005.

» **CFL** The Calgary Stampeders traded punter Duncan O'Mahony to the Edmonton Eskimos yesterday for a conditional pick in the 2009 CFL Canadian Draft.

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East Jeddore native and former Dalhousie Tigers star Adrienne Power, right, clocked a 22.86-second 200 metres at the USTFA international high-performance track and field meet in Provo, Utah, on the weekend, meeting an Olympic A standard.

METRO HALIFAX



Duffy just wants to play

QMJHL draft prospect eager to begin career

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Ben Duffy says he won't be playing any mind games at next month's Quebec Major Junior Hockey League draft. His message to every team in the league? Pick me and I'll report.

"I'd prefer to play for a Maritime team, but if it's a Quebec team, I'll play," the 16-year-old forward said. "I don't think there's a team in the league I wouldn't play for."

The Lower Sackville native is bringing a refreshing approach to the draft, which is June 4 to 7 in Sydney. It's common for prospects to bluff and say they're eyeing U.S. college hockey to scare away undesirable teams at the draft.

But Duffy, a gifted sniper with a bullet shot who plays for the Dartmouth Subways, hasn't even considered it.

"I didn't really know about college hockey coming up, and the Q was just a league that I always wanted to play in," Duffy explained. "I know from the great players that have played in this league that it's a good league to play in."

Duffy looks like a lock to go in the top 10. He is ranked sixth by Central Scouting and seventh by International Scouting Service, which had him at third entering the year.

High-scoring defenceman Brandon Gormley of Murray Harbour, P.E.I., sits at the top of both lists. The Moncton Wildcats hold the No. 1 pick and are looking at their options.

Duffy was the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League's MVP and led the regular season and playoffs in scoring, combining for 39 goals and 43 assists for 82 points in 45 games.

But his stock still dropped, especially after the Cole Harbour Mc-

Cains swept Dartmouth in the midget final.

"I put up a lot of points, but I think I could have done more," Duffy said. "In the playoffs, I could have been a

better leader and stepped up my game when the team needed it."

Duffy said he plans to spend the summer bulking up, and he's already made big strides in that department. He is almost 5-foot-11 and 180 pounds, about two inches taller and 15 pounds heavier than he was at the start of the season.

Duffy, whose family will make the trip to Sydney, said his hometown Halifax Mooseheads "would be the best team" to go to, but his goal is just to be a top-five pick.

"Earlier in the year, I was hoping to go for first overall," he said, "but top five would be a great thing to achieve." —matthew.wuest@metronews.ca

«I'd prefer to play for a Maritime team, but if it's a Quebec team, I'll play. I don't think there's a team in the league I wouldn't play for.»

Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy



Dartmouth Subway's forward Ben Duffy is expected to be selected in the top 10 of next week's Quebec Major Junior Hockey League draft.

hockey

Locals to battle for Calder Cup glory

PLAYOFFS There will be Nova Scotia content in the American Hockey League's Calder Cup final.

Dennis Bonvie of Frankville, Antigonish Co., is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins, who face the Chicago Wolves starting Thursday. Bonvie, 34, became pro hockey's all-time penalty minute leader with 4,493 earlier this year.

Ondrej Pavelec, a former Cape Breton Screaming Eagle, is the Wolves' starting goalie. Halifax's Wendell Young is an assistant coach.

basketball

James takes over as RMC hoops coach

JOBS Halifax's Scott James has joined the Royal Military College of Canada as the head coach of its men's basketball team.

James has been an assistant coach with the Dalhousie Tigers since 2003.

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NBA

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON VS. DETROIT

Game 4 — Last night

Detroit 94 Boston 75

Game 5 — Tomorrow

Detroit at Boston, 9:30

Game 6 — Friday

Boston at Detroit, 9:30

*Game 7 — Sunday

Detroit at Boston, 9:30

(Series tied 2-2)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO

Game 4 — Tonight

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 10

*Game 5 — Thursday

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10

*Game 6 — Saturday

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30

*Game 7 — Monday, June 2

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10

(L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1)

(* — if necessary)

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

Name, team FG FT PTS AVG

Bryant, LAL 126 113 382 31.8

James, Cle 113 122 366 28.2

McGrady, Hou 62 33 162 27.0

Nowitzki, Dal 43 42 134 26.8

Iverson, Den 36 23 98 24.5

Paul, N.O. 111 62 289 24.1

Bosh, Tor 42 35 120 24.0

Stoudemire, Pho 48 19 116 23.2

Anthony, Den 32 24 90 22.5

Parker, S.A. 124 61 315 22.5

Williams, Utah 90 51 259 21.6

Hamilton, Det 109 79 302 21.6

West, N.O. 102 49 254 21.2

(As of Saturday, May 24)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

W L PCT GB

Tampa Bay 31 20 .608 —

Boston 31 22 .585 1

Toronto 28 25 .528 4

Baltimore 25 25 .500 5½

N.Y. Yankees 25 26 .490 6

CENTRAL DIVISION

W L PCT GB

Chicago Sox 28 22 .560 —

Minnesota 25 25 .500 3

Cleveland 23 28 .451 5½

Detroit 21 29 .420 7

Kansas City 21 30 .412 7½

WEST DIVISION

W L PCT GB

L.A. Angels 30 22 .577 —

Oakland 28 23 .549 1½

Texas 26 27 .491 4½

Seattle 18 33 .353 11½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

W L PCT GB

Florida 30 20 .600 —

Atlanta 28 23 .549 2½

Philadelphia 29 24 .547 2½

N.Y. Mets 23 26 .469 6½

Washington 22 30 .423 9

CENTRAL DIVISION

W L PCT GB

Chicago Cubs 30 21 .588 —

St. Louis 30 22 .577 ½

Houston 29 23 .558 1½

Pittsburgh 24 26 .480 5½

Milwaukee 24 27 .471 6

Cincinnati 23 28 .451 7

WEST DIVISION

W L PCT GB

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L.A. Dodgers 26 24 .520 3½

Colorado 20 31 .392 10

San Francisco 20 31 .392 10

San Diego 19 33 .365 11½

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 7 Kansas City 2

Baltimore 6 N.Y. Yankees 1

Tampa Bay 7 Texas 3

Chicago Sox 6 Cleveland 3 (12 ings)

Detroit at L.A. Angels

Boston at Seattle

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta 7 Arizona 3

Chicago Cubs 3 L.A. Dodgers 1

Florida 7 N.Y. Mets 3

Milwaukee 4 Washington 3 (11 ings)

Philadelphia 20 Colorado 5

TONIGHT'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 8:05

Chicago W. Sox at Cleveland, 8:05

Texas at Tampa Bay, 8:10

Minnesota at Kansas City, 9:10

Toronto at Oakland, 11:05

Detroit at L.A. Angels, 11:05

Boston at Seattle, 11:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 8:05

Colorado at Philadelphia, 8:05

Florida at N.Y. Mets, 8:10

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:10

Atlanta at Milwaukee, 9:05

Houston at St. Louis, 9:15

San Francisco at Arizona, 10:40

Washington at San Diego, 11:05

AL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team AB R H AVG

Mauer Min 160 29 54 .337

Hamilton Tex 210 32 70 .333

Bradley Tex 159 29 53 .333

Ordonez Det 189 31 62 .328

H.Matsui NY 168 27 54 .321

Kotchman LAA 175 22 55 .314

Yokulitis Bos 193 32 59 .306

Morneau Min 187 24 57 .305

Upton TB 178 30 54 .303

Quentin ChiW 166 35 50 .301

NL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team AB R H AVG

Clones Atl 175 37 73 .417

Berkman Hou 187 53 72 .385

Furcal LAD 134 34 49 .366

Pujols STL 182 31 63 .344

Atkins Col 195 27 66 .338

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Don't blow budget as a new baby mama

Many new moms tempted to spend

Q Dear Smart Cookies, my husband and I are expecting our first baby. We're ecstatic but already worried about costs. My new mom friends purchase so much for their babies and I'm worried that we will spend money we don't have, trying to keep up. Plus, I don't even have a realistic idea of how much we should spend in the first year.

— CARRIE R., TORONTO

share some tips on keeping your baby spending in check. Total cost for baby's "stuff" in year one should not exceed \$6,500 (not including food), in fact, it can often be done for less.

CRIB:

For safety reasons, we don't recommend buying used but you don't have to spend a fortune. Ikea and Toys R Us both sell beautiful and safe cribs for \$250 or less.

And Forget fancy bedding sets that can run up to \$300. Instead, buy solid-colour bedding (\$50), then decorate the nursery with

themed accessories. You'll save 60 per cent or more.

STROLLER:

Your best bet is to invest in a new, safe stroller. You can find a stroller for around \$70. Consumer Reports suggests

Safety 1st Acella Alumilite and the Evenflo Journey.

TOYS

Babies don't really need any toys before they are 3 to 4 months old. Ask the new moms you know if they are



As if new moms don't have enough to worry about, now they are faced with pressure to be trendy.

interested in doing toy swaps every few months.

CLOTHES

Buy your children's clothes for next year at the end of each season. If you know your child will be wearing size two next summer, at the end of this summer stock up at Baby Gap when everything is on sale. You can usually get items for up to 50 per cent off.

DIAPERS

Often parents complain that less expensive, no-name diapers are more likely to cause diaper rash. Since babies are more prone to diaper rash the longer their diaper is on, splurge

on the diapers that will be on your baby the longest — the ones at night.

Lastly, put a single friend on speed dial. When all your friends with babies try to convince you that you really do need the \$800 Bugaboo Stroller, your single girlfriends will tell you like it really is.

If you have questions for the Smart Cookies or want to share confessions, e-mail smartcookies@metronews.ca.

The Smart Cookies show you their way to financial freedom. Tune in Wednesday night at 9 p.m. EST/PT on the W Network. Be sure to visit smartcookies.com to get new money tips and sign up for our newsletter.

Think hard about your own business

Q I have worked in marketing for the past eight years and would like to start a business of my own. I have discussed this with my wife and she supports any venture I decide. Attached are several businesses' financial statements that would be of interest. Can you offer any advice as to which may be best suited?

— FRANK, ONTARIO

A Choosing a small business based on its numbers is only one criterion before making a large financial commitment. What criteria would you use for choosing a life-long partner? Hopefully, not just looks! Here are some considerations for any entrepreneur:

What are your reasons for wanting to start a business? Hate your boss? Not enough money? Too many hours? Sometimes, many of these can be resolved with a new job. Working for yourself does not translate to more money or less hours.

What product or service are you bringing to the marketplace? Do you have the expertise or background to offer service? Do your research! List your qualities that would make this business a success.

Are you buying an existing business or starting



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HENRY CHOO CHONG
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Not enough money? Too many hours? Sometimes, many of these can be resolved with a new job.

your own? Existing business generally cost more.

Do you have the funds or can obtain necessary financing? Many hopes of starting a business are eliminated at this stage. Everyone should have hopes and dreams but not be delusional.

Consult a professional accountant and lawyer. Check out your local bookstore or library. Many good books have been written on this subject.

Henry Choo Chong, CGA provides professional accounting and taxation solutions for individuals, businesses and corporations. E-mail all questions to Money Matters: choochonghcg@yahoo.ca.

A Hi Carrie, it only takes one look at a new mom cruising down the sidewalk with her Bugaboo stroller and Coach diaper bag to suddenly feel like you need the same. As if new moms don't have enough to worry about, now they are faced with pressure to be trendy. Well, hold up yummy mommy! Smart Cookies created our favourite hot new moms and are happy to



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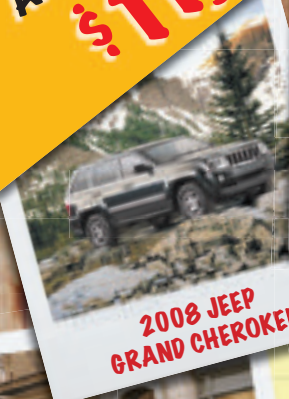
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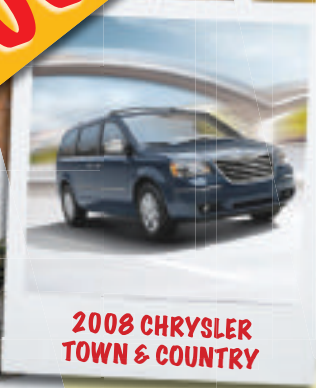
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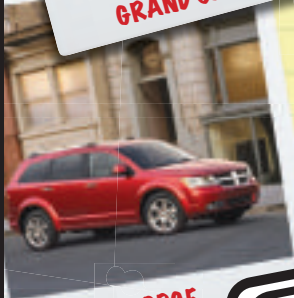
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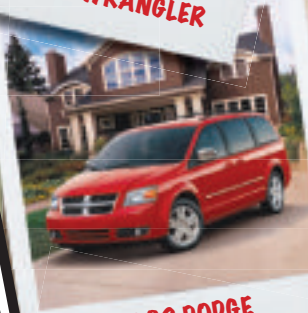
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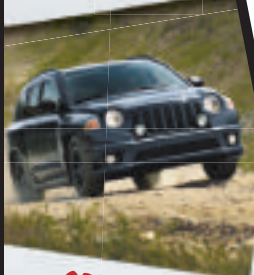
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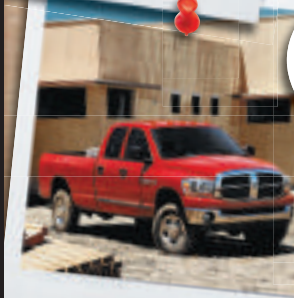


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A Greenpeace report has called video game consoles a "toxic menace," saying they contain chemicals that could affect memory and sexual development.

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Beauty labels decoded

alive

From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@alive.com

Organic beauty products are so popular that, with high-profile designers like Stella McCartney leading the way, mass manufacturers are scrambling to jump on the organic beauty bandwagon. But don't be seduced by slick marketing campaigns and carefully phrased packaging using the words natural or pure to appear eco-friendly.

The use of the word natural is completely unregulated. Any manufacturer can toss a few plant-based ingredients into a product and call it natural, even if the product also contains toxic chemicals. Instead, look for beauty products that are labelled certified 100 per cent organic. They contain organic vegetable oils and herbal extracts that are not only richer in

vitamins and nutrients but safer because they are not exposed to cancer-causing pesticides.

Also check the extraction method used to derive the natural ingredients, as various extraction methods affect the efficacy of the ingredient. Oil or wax extraction from a plant using either chemical solvents or extremely high heat destroys the plant's botanical properties. Look for the words cold-pressed on labels — if they're not there, keep shopping.

Choose products that use essential oils as a natural preservative. Synthetic preservatives will give products a longer shelf life, but may contain carcinogenic ingredients. Essential oils have been extracted from the leaves and buds of flowers in a steam-distillation process and are truly natural.

Your skin absorbs over 50 per cent of the cremes and lotions you put on it. When shopping for beauty products, just think of this: If you wouldn't eat it, why would you smear it on

How to read beauty product labels

» **100 per cent organic:** Contains 100 per cent organically produced ingredients (excluding water and salt).

» **Certified organic or eco-cert:** Contains at least 95 per cent organic ingredients (excluding water and salt).

» **Made with organic ingredients:** Contains at least 70 per cent organic ingredients.

» **Hypoallergenic:** Products are less likely to cause al-

lergic reactions.

» **Alcohol-free:** Contains no ethyl alcohol (or grain alcohol).

» **Fragrance-free:** Product has no perceptible odour.

» **Noncomedogenic:** Products do not contain common pore-clogging ingredients that could lead to acne.

» **Cruelty-free or no new animal testing:** Implies that products have not been tested on animals.

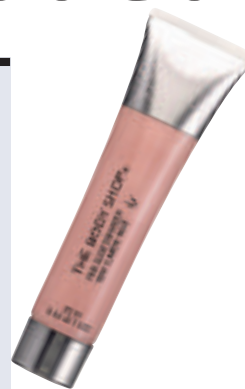
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Carefully check labels to determine whether or not beauty products use all or mostly natural ingredients. Clockwise from top right: Glow Enhancer Pink, \$15.50; The Body Shop; Chocolate Whipstick lip balm from Lush, \$8.95; Green Apple Antioxidant Moisturizer, \$43 (2 oz.); available at Sephora.

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Text message break-up lines from Sympatico/MSN poll:

1. INUIM: "It's not you, it's me."
2. 86ed Ur #: Eighty-sixed your number, i.e. "We're just done."
3. H8 2 D8 U: Hate to date you, i.e. "This feels wrong."
4. UR 2 good 4 me: "You are too good for me."
5. 2 much 2 soon: "This is too much, too soon."

— Metro News Services

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In Brief

» **BEAUTY** When facial cleansers don't remove mascara properly, we may be tempted to scrub our lashes clean, causing damage to lash follicles. Instead, saturate a cotton ball with a natural eye makeup remover — one that is specifically designed for the eyes. Hold it on your eye for a few moments to break down makeup; then gently wipe makeup away.

» **RELAXATION** Next time you're at the spa, try a hot stone massage for total relaxation. A massage therapist places warm, smooth, black river rock on strategic parts of the body, such as between the toes, in the palms of hands, and on the chest and back. The therapist then replaces these with cool, white marble stones to ease away muscle tension.

ALIVE MAGAZINE

Wii Fit game gets couch potatoes moving

Nintendo launches its latest fitness software

Nintendo Co. Ltd. launched its Wii Fit exercise game recently, hoping to get gamers off the couch and appeal to new audiences such as

women and older people.

Nintendo is banking on Wii Fit to further broaden the appeal of its Wii gaming console, which has already become a smash hit due to its motion-sensing controller and simple, easy-to-learn games.

"There has been fitness

software before, but with the positioning of it, the marketing might behind it and the product itself, it's the biggest health product for a video game system I've ever seen," said IDC analyst Billy Pidgeon.

Wii Fit is the latest major title Nintendo has launched

this year, one that is aimed most clearly at a non-traditional audience of mothers and older customers who are uninterested in established franchises like Mario and Pokemon.

The game, which costs \$89 and comes with a shoulder-width "balance board" that

senses shifts in posture, should also help Nintendo address concerns over the tendency of Wii owners to buy fewer games than owners of Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox 360.

"The secret weapon of the Wii is getting more people within the household to play," Pidgeon said.

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Women take the lead



DATING JUNGLE
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More and more women are taking a page from the lives of Demi Moore, Madonna and Cameron Diaz (be it their past or present) and reeling in those sexy, younger men.

And the men seem to enjoy a woman with a little more ... experience.

Fastlife, which offers specialized speed-dating events, is one of the many dating services that has become wise to this dating trend. Its Toyboy & Sugar Mamma events, which started in Canada just over a year ago, have become one of its most popular, says the company's CEO and founder Justin Parfitt. These events are also its most successful in terms of matches.

"Generally, at an event where there are 20 people,

you get maybe 17 or 18 people getting a match. There would be two or three people that didn't," he says.

"But with these, we almost always get everyone getting a match and getting a match with several people."

Parfitt says he notices a role reversal at these events, where the women take the lead, while the men follow suit.

"The women that attend are bolder. They are in control and able to express their preferences," says Parfitt. "While the men take on a slightly more feminine role. They are conscious that they are the younger ones."

Changing, it seems, are the days of the suave macho male taking care of his girlfriend's every desire. Of just older men attracting beautiful, young women with the promises of being taken care of.

More women are taking to the dating motto of Ivana Trump — Donald Trump's ex-wife and former matchmaker of the reality show *Ivana Young Man* — and saying "I'd rather be a babysitter than a nurse."



GETTY IMAGES

Anyone interested in taking a page from Demi Moore's book should check out speed-dating service Fastlife, which hosts Toyboy & Sugar Mamma events.

But with such an acute change in the roles of men and women in dating, it's little wonder that most of us are so utterly confused by the opposite sex. When it comes to dating, what was once, whether we liked it or not, clearly defined by

our gender, has now been turned on its head and we're left trying to catch up with the change.

Kasia Iglinski is a journalist who enjoys her work and her dating life. Armed with a notepad and a curious mind, she's always on the prowl for a good story and a good date.

Constant connection

Arthritic thumbs sign of excessive technology use?

Sam Galet owns a BlackBerry, two laptops, two MP3 players and is an avid user of Facebook. He sometimes finds himself simultaneously monitoring work e-mail, watching a movie on his iPod, and rocking his baby to sleep.

He's "hyperconnected" — a newly emerging term that's used to describe a person who is constantly connected to the Internet. This blurring of the line between work and life is prevalent among men under the age of 35.

"My 16-month-old walks around with my BlackBerry, typing into it," says Galet, a 34-year-old sales exec for IMG, a global sports and entertainment company. "When that happens, you know you're doing something wrong."

Another hint? He has arthritis in his thumbs, and must regularly massage them to reduce the pain he feels from constant typing.

But to Galet the pain is only a minor irritation when compared to the payoff.

"Technology facilitates



DAVID COOPER / TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Recent research shows 50 per cent of people use their technological devices on vacation.

being in touch with more people," he says, adding that constant connectivity allows him to do business faster and better. His clients expect immediate response.

Galet is not alone.

In an IDC marketing research survey, 60 per cent of hyperconnected people reported they use technology in the car, 50 per cent use their devices while on vacation, 45 per cent use them in bed and 20 per cent use them in a place of worship.

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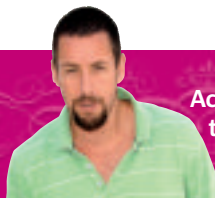
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Actor Adam Sandler, left, has announced that his wife, Jackie, is expecting their second child.

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In Brief

» **PARTY COMING** Critically acclaimed British pop-rockers Bloc Party (above) will make their east coast debut to perform in support of their latest release, *A Weekend in the City*, at the Marquee Club on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$32.50 in advance, \$37.50 on the day of show. They go on sale this Saturday at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available at all Ticketpro outlets, by phone at 1-888-311-9090, and online at sonicconcerts.com

» **BRIDGING THE GAP** The Laugh In Peace Tour; One Muslim. One Jew. One Stage, featuring an evening of non-political laughter with Rabbi Bob Alper and Azhar Usman, will take place at the Beth Israel Synagogue on Oxford Street tomorrow at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$74.50 and can be purchased by calling Ticket Atlantic at 451-1221 or online at ticketatlantic.com. Azhar Usman will also speak at Dalhousie University's Ondaatje Hall this Thursday at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$42 and \$12 and can also be purchased from Ticket Atlantic. His appearance is being hosted by the Maritime Muslim Academy.

» **TRIPLE PLAY** Angels and Heroes Theatre will present three plays as part of an evening of theatre next month. Directors Richie Wilcox, Tyler Foley and Tara Patriquin have each teamed with an actor — Ann Doyle, Stuart Legere and Garry Williams — to present three works by Martin Crimp. Called *Fewer Emergencies*, it runs Tuesday, June 2 through Sunday, June 8. Tickets are \$10. Call 223-5371.

» **TALISMANS** A new exhibition, *Quiet Prayers: Talismans, Contemplation and the Quest for Peace*, by Nova Scotia artist Stephanie Dean-Moore, will be at the Mary E. Black Gallery at the Nova Scotia Centre for Craft and Design starting this Friday. Created from different elements, there are talismans for people who are dying, and ones for those the artist knows who need extra love and support. The exhibit will be up through July 13.

METRO HALIFAX

The man who may be King

Ace Elvis Presley impersonator performs Saturday

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

It was after he met a Los Vegas Elvis impersonator — he looked more Barry Manilow than the black-haired king — that Thane Dunn started down the road of sideburns and hair dye.

"He was supposed to be the very best in the whole wide world," says the Moncton resident.

"He had a great singing voice but didn't sound like Elvis."

"I met him backstage and was hanging out with him, and the guy said 'Can you sing?' I said 'The only thing I can sing is the same thing you do,'" Dunn says.

"I've always loved Elvis since I was a little kid. I never thought I would be

doing this as a full time job."

It took a few years, but Dunn is now making a living doing impressions of the Tennessee-born rock 'n' roll legend. He is bringing his Elvis: Aloha From Hawaii show to the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium this Saturday.

The performance — proceeds from which go to the IWK Health Centre Foundation — recreates The King's satellite telecast that took place 35 years ago.

It starts with his "2001 A Space Odyssey" entrance, and ends with Can't Help Falling In Love.

Dunn's interest in Elvis started while he was a kid growing up in New Brunswick.

His father bought a Pontiac in 1974 and inherited and eight track of Elvis: Live In Memphis jammed in the player.

"My grandparents lived



Thane Dunn brings Elvis: Aloha From Hawaii to the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

in Nova Scotia, and we used to visit them every weekend. By the second trip I knew all the songs," he says.

"I would stand up in the back seat and sing and stuff."

He said it was the Presley's charisma that appealed to him. He liked the

energy and the stage presence the singer had.

"I am stuck with the black hair and sideburns," said Dunn, who adds he has to keep dying his hair with L'Oreal Blue Black No. 9, the same Presley used. "It used to drive me crazy, but I think I have the best job in the world."

more information

» Elvis: Aloha From Hawaii, with opening guest R. Vance and his amazing Roy Orbison show
» Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
» When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
» Tickets: \$32.50 and \$35. Call 494-3820

Concert Backstreet's back, all right



Backstreet Boys — the four-man onetime boy-band sensation will be performing at the Halifax Metro Centre this summer. It was confirmed yesterday the group will appear on Aug. 2 as part of a tour of Eastern Canada. The group — which broke music and concert sales when it broke on the scene 15 years ago — released its sixth album, *Unbreakable*, last year. Tickets to see Nick Carter, Brian Littrell, Howie Dorough and A.J. McLean — Kevin Richardson left the group — are \$64.50. They go on sale Saturday at 9 a.m. Call Ticket Atlantic at 451-1221 or go online to ticketatlantic.com

Expansion a priority for new AGNS CEO

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

Ray Cronin, the former curator of contemporary art at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, has been named the new director and CEO of the institution.

Cronin

"It will be daunting, but I am pleased and honoured and relieved, because I really wanted it," says Cronin, whose appointment was announced yesterday.

A native of Fredericton, N.B., Cronin replaces Jeffrey Spalding, who left the gallery late last year after he was appointed president of the Glenbow Museum in Calgary. Cronin's tenure comes as the AGNS faces a few growing pains.

"The gallery has reached a point where it has gotten as big as it can get," he says about the gallery.

Under Spalding, the gallery's permanent art collection almost doubled.

While this happened, display space remained virtually unchanged, meaning only a small piece of the collection can be exhibited.

"I wouldn't want to say that it is even two per cent," says Cronin about the 14,000 works.

"If we used all our permanent exhibit space for the collection, we would only have 500 works up."

The new director said a needs assessment report has been commissioned by the AGNS board of directors.

"We are at capacity, and you can't grow if you are packed to the rooftops," Cronin said.

Sean "Diddy" Combs, right, has put to rest speculation he is romancing Eddie Murphy's ex-wife Tracey Edmonds, insisting there is "nothing" between the two of them.

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CBC unveils fall lineup

Long-running U.S. game show among new additions

By RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Halifax

In the glare of the noonday sun beaming down into the atrium at CBC's downtown Toronto headquarters, the national network announced its slate of fall shows, a menu of tried and true returning shows, while new programming was mostly relegated to one-off specials and miniseries.

The presentation began with Richard Stursberg, the Corp's executive vice-president of English services, taking the stage after a brief filmed comic introduction by Manoj Sood of Little Mosque

On The Prairie. Stursberg said the broadcaster is coming off "a great year — our best in a decade," and indulged in a little gloating over the network beating Global with a 7.8 prime-time share, its best performance in more than a decade.

That this past television season was also one where whole seasons of U.S.-made programs were virtually scuttled thanks to the Hollywood writers' strike wasn't mentioned, and with its almost entirely homegrown roster of shows, the CBC was able to sail through the year without resorting to reruns or lacklustre last-minute substitute programming. The test will be seeing if the network can maintain its lead in the year to come.

Among the shows returning

are comedies Little Mosque and Sophie, as well as dramatic programming such as The Border, Heartland and British co-production The Tudors. The network's foray into reality programming — Dragons' Den, the entrepreneurial competition — is returning for a third season, as is The Hour, its topical variety chat show, and

Sophie returns to CBC this fall.



Steven And Chris, its flagship lifestyle show. The Rick Mercer Report returns, as does This Hour Has 22 Minutes and Royal Canadian Air Farce, for its final season, which culminates in a New Year's Eve special.

The big news was the return of Ontario-born Alex Trebek to the network, with its acquisition of rights to the long-running game show Jeopardy!, which joins Wheel Of Fortune, its other imported game show. Specialty

programming includes a miniseries on the early career of Celine Dion, Everest, an adventure miniseries starring Jason Priestley and William Shatner, and India Reborn, a four-hour documentary on the surging economy of the subcontinent by the same team that produced CBC's well-regarded China Rises for the network two years ago.

Leafing through the binder handed out at the presentation, it looks like there's more new programming in children's television — two new shows, Animal Mechanicals and Mighty Jungle — than in all of CBC's prime-time schedule. The Mother Corp is truly playing it safe this year, in apparent anticipation of its commercial competitors failing to get their largely imported mojo back in working order.



Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull is No. 1 film.

weekend box office

- Following are the Top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning May 23, according to studio estimates compiled by Reuters.
1. Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull, \$101 million US
 2. Prince Caspian, \$23 million
 3. Iron Man, \$20.1 million
 4. What Happens In Vegas, \$9 million
 5. Speed Racer, \$4 million
 6. Made Of Honor, \$3.4 million
 7. Baby Mama, \$3.3 million
 8. Forgetting Sarah Marshall, \$1.7 million
 9. Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay, \$915,000
 10. The Visitor, \$781,000

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Cannes

Classroom film takes top prize

MOVIES Flush with glory but shrugging off stardom for now, the teenage actors who triumphed at the Cannes film festival came back to school yesterday to a hero's welcome.

The amateur cast of classroom drama *Entre les Murs* (The Class) crowded the stage in Cannes when the film won the top award on Sunday, sharing the limelight with the likes of Robert De Niro, Sean Penn and Catherine Deneuve. "I'm so excited, there are so many people. It's bizarre," said actor Franck Keita.

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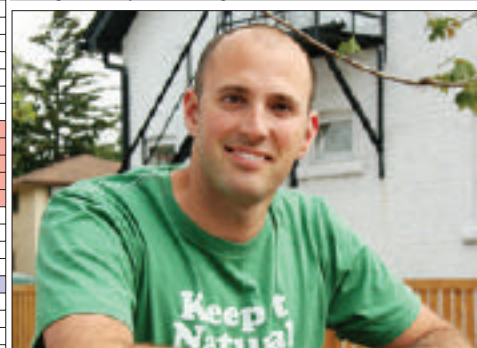
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critics' corner

Green Force

He's such a cad. That is, host Carson Arthur is a principal designer for CAD (Carson Arthur Designs); he's also a spokesman for Blue Planet, and in this series, he turns urban landscapes into green spaces. In the new episode "Community Garden," Arthur helps a group of people from all walks of life learn how to better manage their tiny communal garden. 11 PM on HGTV



The Lookout

The always spectacular Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("Brick") stars in this 2007 drama as Chris, a former popular high-school jock who becomes brain-damaged after an accident. Now his memory is shot, and he must write down things he needs to recall only minutes later. As the janitor at a bank, he is enlisted by thieves to help with a robbery. Jeff Daniels, Matthew Goode, Carla Gugino and Alberta Watson also star. 8 PM on M1

Boston Legal

She was a brat; now she's all grown up and wants to be a killer. Former Brat Packer and two-time Emmy winner Mare Winningham guest stars as a woman out for blood; her daughter's murderer was let go on an insanity defense, and she wants Alan's (James Spader) advice on how to kill him and get away with it. Katie and Jerry (Tara Summers, Christian Clemenson) try to overturn Megan's Law to help a client in "Hope and Gory." 11 PM on ABC

Diet of Souls

Traditional Inuit belief says that humans are not the only beings with souls, that animals have them, too. That got filmmakers John Houston and Peter d'Entremont wondering: How can the Inuit justify eating meat when they consider animals their spiritual equals? In this documentary, they explore the issue and discover, as expected, that it's not an easy question to answer. 11 PM on APTN

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Book targets Courtney

Rocker Courtney Love's inner circle were so concerned with her alleged drug use they had her reconsider her pregnancy, PageSix.com reports an upcoming book is claiming.

In *Bumping Into Geniuses*, a memoir about the music business, Danny Goldberg, former CEO of Warner Bros. Records who also managed Nirvana, the band of Love's late husband Kurt Cobain, reveals how he and a group of Love's inner circle — worried about her alleged heroin use during pregnancy — plotted an intervention.

During a meeting in Los Angeles with a doctor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's chemical dependency program, the

doctor "tried to give clinical advice, suggesting to Courtney that it was not a great idea to have a baby while dealing with addiction," writes Goldberg.

That didn't sit well with Love, who was pregnant with Cobain's child.

"You're not telling me to have a (bleep)-ing abortion, are you?" asked Courtney, her voice rising with her trademark hostile whine. "I mean, I'm pro-choice, but that doesn't mean that anyone has the right to tell me to have a (bleep)-ing abortion."

"(He) suggested that it might not be safe for the baby, and Courtney, who was only six weeks pregnant, went into a confrontational mode. 'Is that a medical

fact, or is that just your opinion? I want to see it in a medical book.' She was interested in medical facts, not a sermon. (He) sheepishly acknowledged that at this early stage of pregnancy a woman could discontinue heroin use with no physical or psychological damage to the fetus. Courtney looked triumphant as she towered over the doctor seated at his desk."

Love is said to have stopped using heroin, and Frances Bean was born in perfect health on Aug. 18, 1992.

Love had no comment on the book, which is scheduled to hit stores in September.

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Nicole reaps award

Nicole Richie has won a parenting award, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The new mother received a Golden Pacifier Award from America's *Babytalk* magazine.

Richie, gave birth to daughter Harlow, her first child with musician Joel Madden, in January.

"Honouring Nicole Richie with a Babytalk Golden Pacifier Award might come as a surprise to some, but we felt that she deserved some recognition for her turn-around since becoming a mom," said *Babytalk* editor-in-chief Lisa Moran. "She has grown up a lot since the arrival of little Harlow, and her creation of the Richie-Madden Children's Foundation has demonstrated her efforts to set a good example by shining a spotlight on important issues affecting today's families."

Before having Harlow, Richie spent time in jail during her pregnancy after being convicted of driving under the influence.

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New guy for Britney

Britney Spears reportedly has a new boyfriend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer made her first formal public appearance in months at a birthday party in Los Angeles on Saturday, accompanied by Jason Treweek.

Treweek, who, according to sources, has known Spears "for years" — has been growing closer to her since her recent holiday in Costa Rica.

Spears' father, Jamie, has reportedly given his blessing to the new romance, calling Treweek "a stabilizing influence."

A source told Britain's *Daily Mirror* newspaper: "Jamie thinks Jason would be a great match for Britney. She always had a thing for bad boys but now she realizes good guys can be attractive, too."

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Shop angers Tom

Actor Tom Cruise has slapped the owners of a top Los Angeles baby boutique with a cease and desist letter, accusing them of going public with purchases he and wife Katie Holmes have made, imdb.com reports.

Cruise's legal team has fired off documents to the bosses of Petit Tresor, warning them to stop talking to the media about private Cruise family matters.

According to the documents, obtained by TMZ.com, Cruise was particularly upset when store bosses allegedly leaked false information suggesting the actors have spent more than \$350,000 US on wardrobe items for their daughter Suri in the two years since her birth.

The lawyers insist no one at the store should "say anything (whether true or false) about Mr. Cruise and Ms. Holmes' shopping habits."

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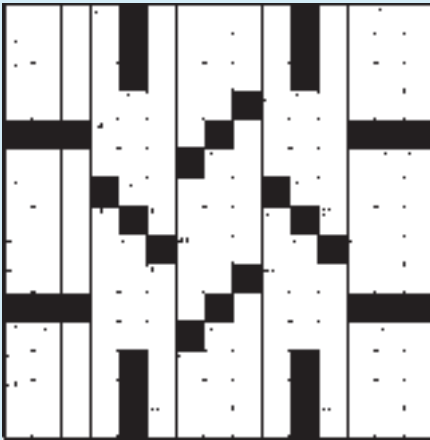
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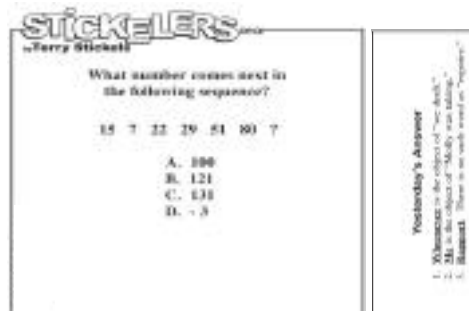
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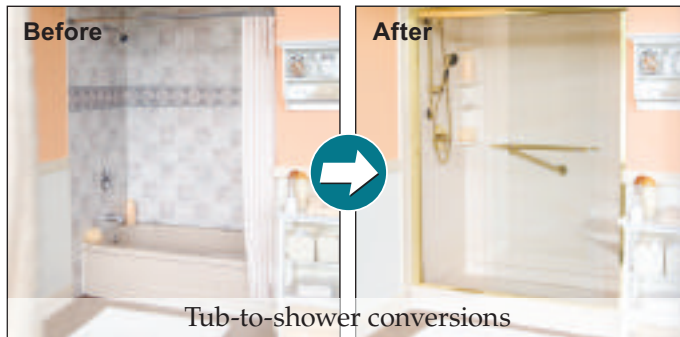
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